



COMMITTEE TO
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Homeless YYA Stakeholder Forum

November 25, 2014

2 – 3:30pm | Bellevue Library, room 1

1111 110th Ave NE, Bellevue

Every 4th Tuesday from 2 – 3:30pm

A monthly opportunity to hear about the changes planned for our homeless youth and young adult system in King County.

Meeting Overview

- Count Us In
- Comprehensive Plan Refresh
- YHC Improvement Science Update
- Upcoming Events
- Announcements



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Count Us In



Save the Date!

JANUARY 22, 2015

Trainings will be held on:

- January 14th from 11am-12:30pm at the UDSPA drop-in at Street Youth Ministries 4540 15th Avenue NE, Seattle*
- January 20th from 2-3:30pm at Valley View Library 17850 Military Road S., SeaTac

*The One Night Count training for Slumber Party sites, hosted by the Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness, will follow the **1/14 training**. Please contact Rebecca Roy with any questions: rebecca@homelessinfo.org, 206-204-8353.

- A **debriefing** will be held in conjunction with the Stakeholder Forum on January 27, 2015 from 2-3:30pm at the 2100 Building, Community Room B.

One Night Count

An umbrella of count activities to document the nature and extent of homelessness within our community's populations.



A deeper dive into YYA homelessness



Count Us In

Scuba Divers Report

- Please share your agency's participation in Count Us In



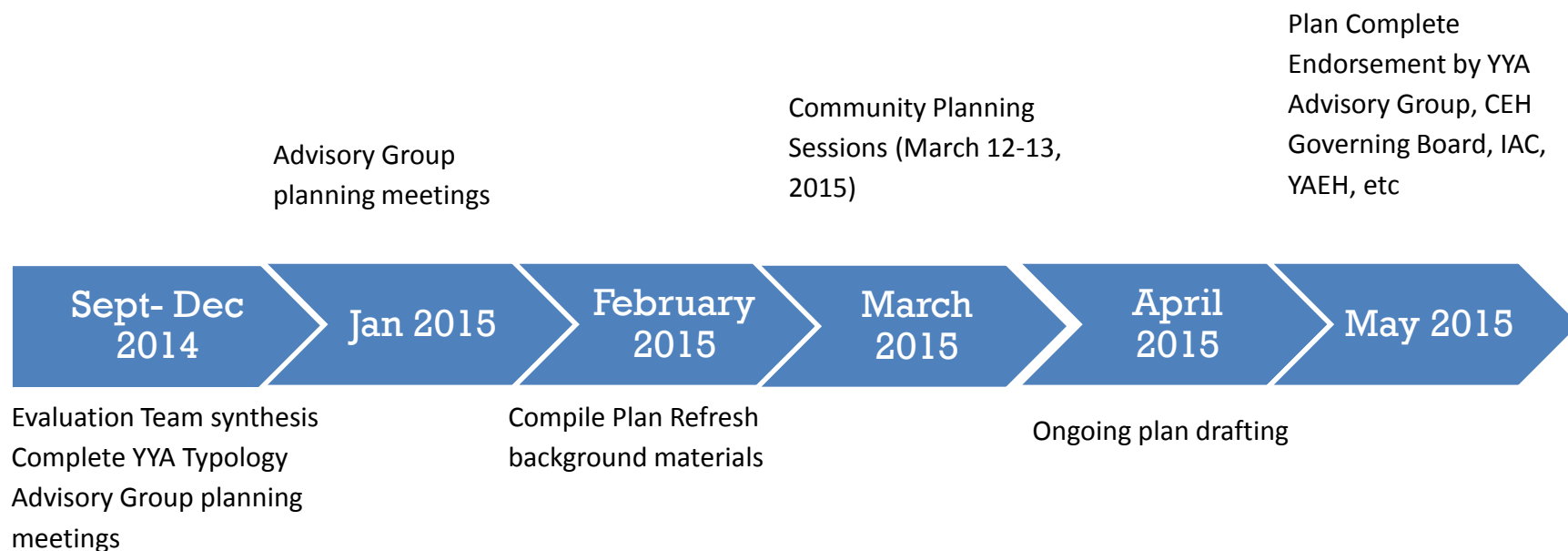
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Comprehensive Plan Refresh

Comprehensive Plan Refresh- Roles

Group	Role	Timing/Notes
YYA Advisory Group	Lead Advise Approve	Ongoing planning process occurs December 2014 – March 2015
Mockingbird YAEH	Lead Advise Endorse	YAEH will conduct a parallel planning process, grounding the plan in the experiences and recommendations of young people.
Evaluation Team	Advise	<p>Evaluation Team counsels the YYA Advisory Group on data reviewed during 2014 and supports how it is framed in the final plan</p> <p>Proposes the reaffirmation of benchmarks/outcomes or changes based on enhanced data sources to the YYA Advisory Group</p>
CEH Funders Group YYA Funders Group	Advise Fund	Prepared to move forward in a coordinated fashion with 2015 funding as of the CPR's completion.
Stakeholder Forum	Informed	Participants at the YYA Stakeholder Forum are informed during the process and are invited to participate in the CPR.
CEH bodies (IAC, Governing Board)	Informed Endorse	Members of each CEH body are represented on the YYA Advisory Group. CEH is informed as to the process Jan – March 2014. Consumer voice is provided by Mockingbird YAEH.

Comprehensive Plan Refresh- Timeline



Concurrent planning process by youth from Youth Advocates Ending Homelessness- details TBD

Evaluation Team Synthesis

- The Evaluation Team divided into 3 small groups to address priority areas identified in the Comprehensive Plan to End YYA Homelessness
 - Rare/Brief
 - One Time/Returns
 - Disproportionality (Youth of Color and GLBTQ Youth)

- What we asked:
 - **Context:** Why is making homelessness rare, brief/a one-time occurrence/addressing disproportionality for YYA a priority in the Comprehensive Plan Refresh?
 - **Baseline:** What did we know about this priority area when the Comprehensive Plan was created?
 - **Current knowledge:** What do we know now about this priority area? Anything in particular about youth under 18?
 - **Recommendations:** Based on the information reviewed, what recommendations for the Comprehensive Plan Refresh do you have for this priority area?
 - **Anything else:** Is there anything else that stood out as important in your group's review of the materials?

RARE/BRIEF: CONTEXT

WHY IS MAKING HOMELESSNESS RARE AND BRIEF A PRIORITY IN THE COMP PLAN REFRESH?

- The CEH is releasing a new strategic plan 2015 – our community's direction toward ensuring that homelessness is rare, or that if homelessness does occur, it is a brief a one time occurrence.
- Part of the new CEH focus will be concrete and measurable goals to reduce the number of people literally on the streets, and quarterly tracking against these goals.
- To align the YYA plan under this effort around ending homelessness for all people, we must also work to reduce the number of YYA literally on the streets.
 - Who is sleeping outside? What will we do to end their homelessness?

RARE/BRIEF: CURRENT KNOWLEDGE

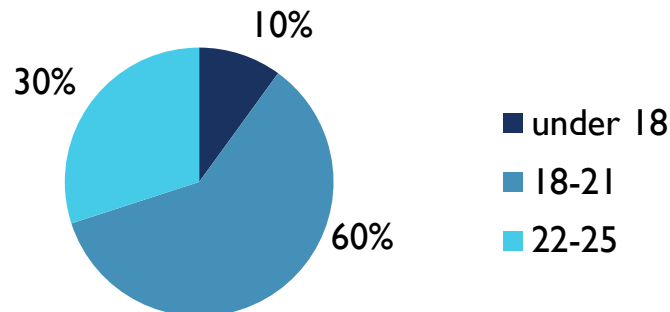
WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW ABOUT MAKING HOMELESSNESS RARE AND BRIEF FOR YYA? ANYTHING IN PARTICULAR ABOUT YOUTH UNDER 18?

Rare

- 1,037 young people ages 18-25 completed Youth Housing Connection assessments between July 2013 and July 2014.

Unsheltered Young People by Age, 2013 (n=124)

(Based on Count Us In)

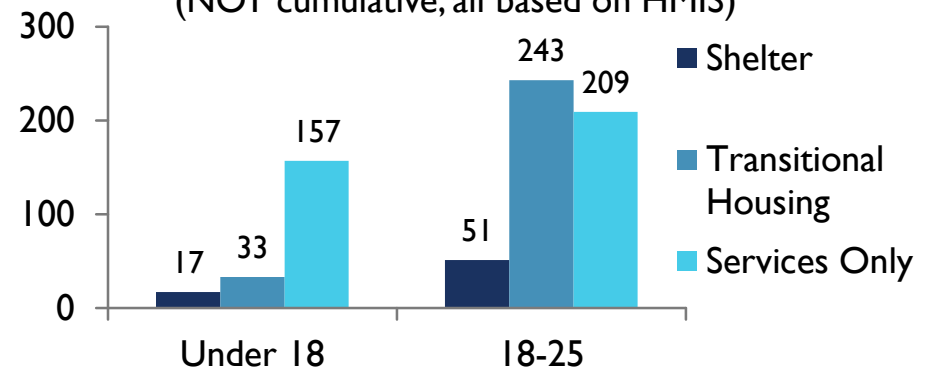


Brief

- For young people placed in housing through Youth Housing Connection between July 2013 and June 2014, the median time from assessment to move in was 62 days.

Average length of time in program types by age, 2013

(NOT cumulative, all based on HMIS)



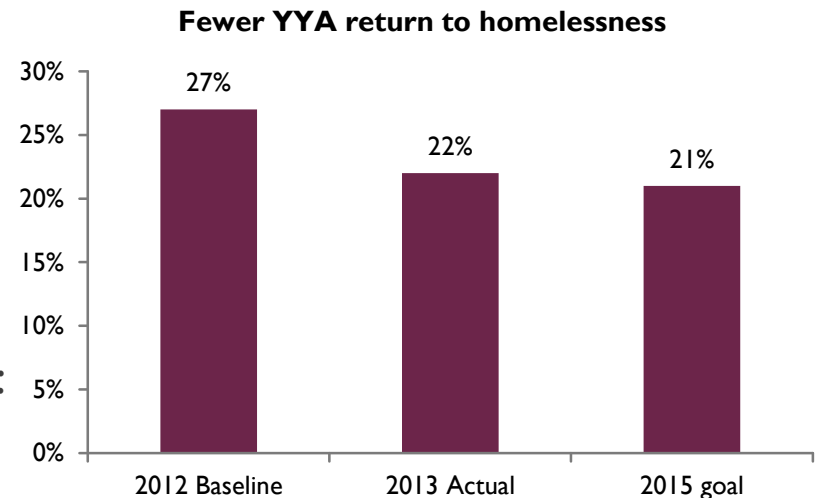
ONE TIME/RETURNS: CONTEXT

- Addressing returns to homelessness is a priority for several reasons:
 - Current data shows that approximately one-quarter of YYA who exited services and/or housing to a permanent destination, re-accessed the homelessness system again within the next two years. This proportion is significantly higher than for other populations who have experienced homelessness.
 - How do we ensure the interventions “stick” with the young people we are serving?

ONE TIME/RETURNS: CURRENT KNOWLEDGE

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW ABOUT MAKING HOMELESSNESS A ONE-TIME OCCURRENCE FOR YYA?
ANYTHING IN PARTICULAR ABOUT YOUTH UNDER 18?

- Returns were lower for youth (18%) than young adults (23%)
- Returns to homelessness are highest among Emergency Shelters followed by Services Only programs and Transitional Housing programs
- Of those who completed a YHC assessment:
 - 24% reported living in a homeless housing program before
 - 49% reported experiencing unstable housing more than 3 times before



This reflects the percentage of YYA who exit to a permanent destination, but return to homelessness within the next 2 years. Returns to homelessness are calculated using HMIS and may include accessing shelter or transitional housing.

DISPROPORTIONALITY: CONTEXT

WHY IS ADDRESSING THE DISPROPORTIONATE REPRESENTATION OF HOMELESS LGBTQ YYA AND YYA OF COLOR A PRIORITY IN THE COMP PLAN REFRESH?

- Addressing/reducing the over-representation of GLBTQ YYA and young people of color who experience homelessness is the 4th benchmark of our Comprehensive Plan.
 - We have recently added further context by tracking access to services and parity in program outcomes.
- We have launched project EQTY to improve the effectiveness of our community's services for GLBTQ YYA.
- We have not launched the work around racial disproportionality in a complete way. This is a priority in the Comprehensive Plan Refresh.

DISPROPORTIONALITY: CURRENT KNOWLEDGE

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW ABOUT ADDRESSING THE DISPROPORTIONATE REPRESENTATION OF HOMELESS LGBTQ YYA AND YYA OF COLOR? ANYTHING IN PARTICULAR ABOUT YOUTH UNDER 18?

- We know that the benchmarks show disproportionality has increased rather than decreased as we do a better job of counting YYA and identifying youth of color and LGBTQ youth.
- We know that LGBTQ data has not been collected in HMIS in the past. Other data, such as that collected from Count Us In, demonstrates that LGBTQ youth are overrepresented (22%).

	2013 King County Population	2014 CUI Data	2013 HMIS YYA Data
African American	6.6%	32%	
Youth of Color	29.2%	52%	69%
LGBQ		22%	16% *
Trans-gender		2%	

*RHYMIS data

Next Step: Advisory Group Planning Meetings

- **Outcome: Specific initial recommendations for activities and strategies:**
 - **One Time** | Refine Priority Activities:
 - Lead: Mary Steele (New Horizons)
 - What do we do to reduce/shorten returns to shelter after an exit to a permanent destination?
 - **Rare & Brief** | Reduce the number of young people sleeping outside:
 - Lead: Melinda Giovengo (YouthCare)
 - What do we do to reduce the number of YYA sleeping outdoors?
 - **Disproportionality** | Better Address Youth of Color:
 - Lead: Pat Wells (City of Seattle) with Building Changes
 - How will youth of color be better served? What are our starting strategies? For who?
 - **Disproportionality** | LGBTQ Young People:
 - Lead: Shannon Perez-Darby (NW Network)
 - How will queer youth be better served? What are our specific strategies and how will we implement the recommendations of Project EQTY?

Leads are tasked with ensuring we have the right folks around the table (YYA AG members and others) during two meetings in December and January to process the evaluation team findings and start generating solutions.

Next Step: Housing and Access

- Separate process from groups notes above, but part of Comprehensive Plan Refresh
- Two discussions are planned for early December with directors from all housing providers in YYA Continuum to discuss improvements to YHC
- Directors and organizational leaders will suggest larger change ideas to YHC. Following the Improvement Science Model, these changes will be intentionally tested over the coming 6 months.



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Improvement Science and YHC

Applying Improvement Science to YHC

- **New Aim Statement** (as of 10/22): Increase the proportion of referrals from YHC to YA housing providers that result in a unit being occupied, from 32% to 55%, by January 31, 2015.
- First change idea is being tested → when a young person has completed the second assessment (is contacted for an available unit), YHC will conference call with the provider and young person to help establish connection.
 - Expect updates in the coming week!
- YHC Workgroup brainstorming additional change ideas
- Stay tuned...improvement science doesn't stop! Look for more updates from Megan and the YHC team



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Report Out:

Turn to the person next to you
and answer these three
questions...

- What's useful in the monthly Stakeholder Forums?
- What would be helpful for these meetings?
- What's one concrete suggestion for improving?



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Upcoming Events

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- **Jan. 12: Homestretch film and panel** – Sponsored by the Committee to End Homelessness, in partnership with YouthCare, Youth Advocates Ending Homelessness, and New Horizons. Event will be held at 7pm at the Northwest Film Forum, 1515 12th Ave, Seattle. For more information and to purchase tickets go to:
<http://www.nwfilmforum.org/live/page/calendar/3336>
- **Jan. 22: Count Us In!**
- **Jan. 23: One Night Count**
- **March 12 & 13: Comprehensive Plan Refresh Community Planning Sessions** – more information to come!



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Announcements

The December Stakeholder Forum is CANCELLED

See you at the **Count Us In Debriefing**,
Hosted by the Homeless YYA Stakeholder Forum, on
January 27, 2015 from 2 – 3:30pm!
2100 Building, Community Room B